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Part 3

Resurrection:

It's not just about Easter Sunday

Resurrection: The core of our faith

● **When God raised Jesus it was the approval of His work on the cross.**

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. – I Cor. 15:17–19

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Resurrection: The core of our faith

● When God raises us it will be the achievement of Christ's work on the cross.

14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.—II Cor. 4:14

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Resurrection: The comfort of our faith

● Our resurrection means that our bodies are going to continue.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; 27 I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

How my heart yearns within me! – Job 19:26–27

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Resurrection: The comfort of our faith

● **Our resurrection means that our bodies are going to change.**

53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." – I Cor. 15:53–54

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Resurrection: The catalyst for our future

● Resurrected bodies will be needed for eternal life on a resurrected earth.

18-21 That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next...

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Resurrection: The catalyst for our future

- **Resurrected bodies will be needed for eternal life on a resurrected earth.**

Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens. – Rom.8:18–21 (The Message)

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